

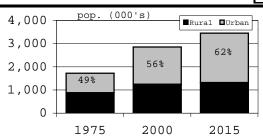
(2000)Capital: Panama City Largest City: Panama City 1,173,000



Urban

Urban **Population**

1,606,000 lived in urban areas in 2000.



Annual Growth Rates (2000-2015) 1.9% Urban 0.4% Rural

City Sizes	# of cities
10 million +	0
5-9.9 m	0
2.5 - 4.9 m	0
.75-2.49 m	1

Trends

Migration | The country's most concentrated urbanization is located in the corridor along the former Canal Zone from Colón to Panama City. Provincial growth rates in the 1970s ranged from 0.5 percent to 3.5 percent. The population in rural Bocas del Toro province grew at an average annual rate of 3.1 percent. This high growth rate was due to an influx of migrants to the Cerro Colorado copper project in the eastern part of the province.

Urban Poverty

245,718 urban dwellers were below the poverty level.



Rural

POVERTY IN PANAMA

23% of the country's poor live in urban areas.



URBAN POVERTY

Income Inequality

(wealthiest 20% divided by poorest 20%) Nation ('97) 14.7 City level

Economy & Employment

(Country)	GDP	Employment
Sector	(1999)	(1990)
Agriculture	7%	26%
Industrial	17%	16%
Services	77%	58%

Urban Employment Structure (1999)

15% of the

population

urban

is poor.

Informal		Formal	
Sole Proprietor	23%	Public	21%
Domestic Servic	7%	Private	40%
MicroEnterprise	10%		
Subtotal	39%	Subtotal	61%

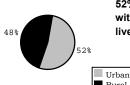
Decentralization

Sample Urban Area: Colon (52,286), 2000 (UNCHS - HABITAT, 1998) **some** of local tax levels Able to set Able to choose **some** contractors for projects of user charges Funds transfer Able to set some is known in advance Able to borrow some of funds Central government **cannot** remove local govt. officials

Infrastructure

Basic Services

192,720 urban dwellers lack water supply.



52% of people without water supply

live in urban areas.

Population without Water Supply in 2000

	(000's)	% of rel. pop.
Urban	193	12%
Rural	175	14%
Total	368	13%

16,060 urban dwellers lack sanitation coverage.



9% of people without sanitation coverage live in urban areas.

Pop. without Sanitation Coverage in 2000

	(000's)	% of rel. pop.
Urban	16	1%
Rural	162	13%
Total	178	6%

Health

First and Second Quintile of Income Distribution	Urban Poorest	Rural Poorest	Urban Poor	Rural Poor	National Average
Under 5 yrs-old. mortality rate (per 1,000 births, 1995)	*	*	*	*	*
Children severely underweight (under 5 yrsold)	*	*	*	*	*

Medium

Large

Crime

(city size	(<100,000)	(<1.0 mm.)	(>1.0 mm.)
% of households reporting			
assaults & robberies, 1996-1998	26.1%	38.9%	*

Small